

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 2, 5, and 8 have been amended herein. All of the pending claims 1 through 9 are presented below. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings in the application. Please enter these claims as amended.

1. (Original) An automolding system comprising:
providing a substrate having a surface;
preheating the substrate;
forming a resist layer;
baking the substrate; and
removing contaminants from the substrate using a laser.

2. (Currently Amended) The automolding system of claim 1, wherein ~~said~~ the laser comprises one of an Nd:YAG laser and an excimer laser.

3. (Original) The automolding system of claim 1, further comprising:
placing the substrate in a mold; and
encapsulating the substrate.

4. (Original) A molding system comprising:
providing a substrate having a surface;
preheating the substrate;
forming a resist layer;
baking the substrate; and
removing contaminants from the substrate using a laser.

5. (Currently Amended) The molding system of claim 4, wherein ~~said~~ the laser comprises one of an Nd:YAG laser and an excimer laser.

6. (Original) The molding system of claim 4, further comprising:
placing the substrate in a mold; and
encapsulating the substrate.

7. (Original) A system for molding comprising:
providing a substrate having a surface;
preheating the substrate;
forming a resist layer;
baking the substrate; and
removing contaminants from the substrate using a laser.

8. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 7, wherein ~~said~~ the laser comprises
one of an Nd:YAG laser and an excimer laser.

9. (Original) The system of claim 7, further comprising:
placing the substrate in a mold; and
encapsulating the substrate.